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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN NUCLEAR FACILITIES

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1. APPRECIATE INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT EGYPT HAS HAD A MODEST NUCLEAR RESEARCH FACILITY FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SOVIET-EGYPTIAN BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, CONCLUDED IN JULY 1956, LED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ESTABLISHMENT (AEE) IN INSHASS. THE PRINCIPAL FACILITIES OF THE AEE ARE A 2.5-3.0 MEV VAN DE GRAAFF ACCELERATOR AND A 2 MW RESEARCH REACTOR SUPPLIED BY THE USSR. THE RESEARCH REACTOR WENT CRITICAL ON JULY 27, 1961, AND THE ACCELERATOR WENT INTO OPERATION THAT SAME YEAR.

2. A RADIOCHEMICAL LABORATORY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPES WAS CONSTRUCTED AT INSHASS WITH NORWEGIAN ASSISTANCE. THIS LABORATORY PROVIDES ISOTOPES  
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FOR THE RADIOISOTOPE CENTER IN CAIRO WHICH IS OPERATED

AS AN IAEA REGIONAL CENTER FOR TRAINING IN THE USE OF ISOTOPES IN AGRICULTURE AND MEDICINE.

3. EXPLORATION FOR URANIUM HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND AEE LABORATORIES HAVE CARRIED OUT

RESEARCH ON ORE PROCESSING AND URANIUM PURIFICATION. THE AEE ALSO UNDERTAKES FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH SUCH AS FUSION AND PLASMA RESEARCH PROJECTS.

4. CIA AT WORKING LEVEL ASSESSES THAT "ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HIGHER COUNCIL WILL NOT INCREASE EGYPT'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES IN THE SHORT TERM, BUT MIGHT PROVIDE THE COORDINATION FOR A SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM IN THE LONG RUN." ROBINSON

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